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SUBJECT: DECLARATION '78: FURTHER COMMENTS

REF: A) SOFIA 0732; B) SOFIA 0447

1. AFTER STUDY OF THE LATEST DECLARATION '78 RECEIVED BY THE
AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 18 (REF A), WE NOTE SOME MINOR DIFFERENCES
IN TEXT COMPARED TO THE MARCH 2 VERSION. UNDER THE FIRST OF
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FIVE POINTS OF THE DECLARATION (VICE SIX POINTS OF MARCH DOCU-
MENT), THERE IS INSERTED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL LINE:
"CEASE THE FORCIBLE EXILING AND IMPRISONMENT OF PEOPLE
WITH DIFFERENT POLITICAL VIEWS IN PRISONS, (DETENTION)
CAMPS, AND MENTAL INSTITUTIONS." POINT FIVE OF THE MARCH
DOCUMENT ("REMOVAL OF PRIVILEGES IN ALL SPHERES OF SOCIAL
LIFE.") WAS REVISED TO READ: "REMOVAL OF PRIVILEGES OF

A.B.P.F.K., THE RED BOURGEOISIE, IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE."
THUS, THE "RED BOURGEOISIE" OF THE ACCOMPANYING ENGLISH
COVERING NOTE CITED IN REF A IS FURTHER DEFINED. OUR
RESEARCH OF THE ACRONYM INDICATES THIS LIKELY MEANS THE
"COMMITTEE FOR THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM AND CAPITALISM"
OR "K. NA B.P.F.K." THE USE OF THE INITIAL LETTER "A"
BY THE WRITER PERPLEXES US; HE MAY HAVE USED THE BULGARIAN
"ASSOCIATION" IN PLACE OF "COMMITTEE".

2. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE MARCH AND APRIL DECLARA-
TIONS ORIGINATED FROM THE SAME SOURCE. THE "ABD" HEADINGS
ARE EXACTLY ALIKE. THE TEXT, WITH THE TWO ADDITIONS CITED
ABOVE AND SOME MINOR EDITING AND ADDITIONAL WORDS, IS THE
SAME. THE PHOTOCOPY PROCESS, FORMAT OF DOCUMENTS, AND TYPE-
FACE ARE VERY SIMILAR.

3. CAN THIS INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP SURVIVE IN BULGARIA?
IN HIS SPEECH OF DECEMBER 2, 1977 TO THE THIRD NATIONAL
CONGRESS OF YOUNG WRITERS, ZHIVKOV EXPLAINED THAT DISSENT
WAS "ENGENDERED BY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS" AND
STATED THAT THESE CONDITIONS DID NOT EXIST IN BULGARIA.
HE ADDED AN OMINOUS STATEMENT THAT DISSENT MAKES ONE
QUICKLY KNOWN AS "ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM" AND "QUICKLY
DISGRACED BY YOUR OWN PEOPLE", "BEING SENT AS QUICKLY
INTO OBLIVION AFTERWARDS BY BOTH SIDES." THE INDIVIDUAL
WHO DELIVERED THE LATEST DECLARATION APPEARS TO BE TAKING
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REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO SURVIVE IN THE SECURITY-CONSCIOUS
BULGARIAN ENVIRONMENT. THE STAMPED (BUT UNMAILED) ENVELOPES
WERE ADDRESSED TO THE EMBASSY; THUS WE SURMISE THAT THE
INDIVIDUAL INTENDED TO HAND-DELIVER THE ENVELOPES, BUT
FAILING THAT WOULD DISPOSE OF THE INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE
BY MAILING THROUGH THE BULGARIAN POST. IT WAS OBVIOUSLY
PLANNED RATHER THAN BY CHANCE THAT WE AND THE BRITISH WERE
SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE LATEST DECLARATION. THUS THERE
WAS NO RETURN TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE DECLARATION IN
MARCH. SO FAR THE AUTHOR(S) OF DECLARATION '78 IS
FUNCTIONING WITHIN THE OPPRESSIVE ENVIRONMENT IN PROBABLY
THE ONLY MANNER WHICH INSURES SURVIVAL. THE SINGULAR
IMPACT HAS BEEN TO SHOW TO SOME WESTERN OBSERVERS THAT
SOMEONE EXISTS IN "OPPOSITION" IN BULGARIA. BUT THERE
IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE INHABITANTS OF THIS COUNTRY ARE
YET AWARE OF DECLARATION '78.
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